

RADIO STAMPS
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Introduction

Hello again to radio listeners and stamp collectors around the world. You're tuned to the monthly program that's all about the fun of collecting stamps on the topic of radio. This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps all about radio. Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

Regular features on this program include descriptions of stamps to collect, and discussions of radio subjects on stamps. I also have contests to win radio stamps.

I hope you'll join me each month, here on HCJB. I also hope you'll write to me with your comments and news for the program. If there's a radio stamp subject you'd like to hear about, drop me a line and let me know. If you've got a suggestion on how to improve the program, please write and tell me about it.

I hope you'll make a special note of the audio quality of today's program. I'll be using a different tape recorder for the program next month, and I'd like to know, from you, if the audio quality is much clearer, and not so muffled. I'll give you my mailing address here in Almonte at the end of this feature.

First Day Cover Contest

Last month, on program 10, I provided a checklist of Cuban stamps that have been issued since 1962 to commemorate the broadcasting anniversaries of Radio Havana Cuba. These attractive stamps, commemorating 24 years of international broadcasting, would certainly make great additions to your collection.

The last anniversary stamp for Radio Havana Cuba was issued on May 1, 1986, for the 25th anniversary of this well known station. This colourful stamp features 2 stylized tape reels, in white, blue and red, with yellow or gold tape between the reels forming the number 25. It also includes the distinctive island and radio waves logo of the station. Today, courtesy of Radio Havana Cuba, I have 10 first day covers to give away for this 25th anniversary stamp.

In reply to my inquiry, earlier this year, about a possible 30th anniversary stamp in 1991, I received a nice letter from Rolando Pelaez at Radio Havana Cuba. In his letter, Rolando advised that it was not yet known if a commemorative stamp was to be issued. I don't have any more news about this today, but I'm hoping there will be a special stamp issued in May for the station's 30th anniversary. If you see it, please write to me with details and I'll include them in an upcoming program.

Rolando also sent along 10 very nice first day covers, of the 25th anniversary stamp in 1986, to give away as prizes right here on the Radio Stamps program. If you would like to win one of these hard to find first day covers, write to me with the year that Radio Havana Cuba started broadcasting. What year did Radio Havana Cuba begin broadcasting?

The correct answers will be entered in 2 draws, 1 for listeners in the western hemisphere, and 1 for listeners in the eastern hemisphere. There will be 5 winners for each draw. The draw will take place next month. Get your post card or letter in the mail right away to ensure there will be plenty of time for it to arrive from your part of the world. Thank you to Rolando Pelaez, Head of the Correspondence Department at Radio Havana Cuba, for your generous donation of these prizes during the 30th anniversary of the station in 1991.

Before I close today, I have another collecting tip for you. On June 13, just over a month from now, Australia Post will be issuing 4 postage stamps on the subject of "radio days". I'm not sure if this is a special commemoration, or perhaps a nostalgic look at earlier days of radio broadcasting. The set will have 2 stamps with a denomination of \$0.43, 1 \$.85 stamp, and 1 with a denomination of a dollar. A first day cover, a stamp pack and a maximum card will be available. There will also be a specially designed first day of issue "pictorial" postmark for this new set of radio stamps. The postmark will be produced by the Perth office of Australia Post in Western Australia. Here's the address for enquiries or orders of the stamp set and special postmark: The Australian Philatelic Bureau, Australia Post, GPO Box 9988, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001, Australia. The address again is ...

That's all for this program. As promised here's my mailing address. I'd be pleased to receive your comments and your news for the program. Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. That's Neil Carleton ... Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.